As Commencement 2014 approaches, it is my pleasure to introduce this collection of updates and recollections from members of the Hartford Seminary alumni/ae community. As you read these pages, I hope you’ll recognize the breadth and depth of the skills, gifts and achievements of our graduates over the years. Hartford Seminary graduates live full and faithful lives and we want to make that known. You can always provide updates in the Alumni section of the Seminary website (www.hartsem.edu), or send an email to alum@hartsem.edu.

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It is an honor to serve as President of Hartford Seminary, and a privilege to represent a community of so many talented graduates, of which you are a vital part.
Nancy Aker, M.A. ‘04
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West Hartford, CT 06117

Joy (Pegler) Allan, M.A. ’51, is “Pleased to say still going strong, tho’ doubtful if any left who remember ME! Still of course heavily involved in church life, ecumenical work locally, and sadly now with the recently emerging “Food Banks” now all over the UK, which you may or may not have heard of. I love entertaining, and happy to meet up with anyone who would like to see Scotland.”
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The Rev. Dr. Peter Allen, D.Min. ’10, is Pastor of the Hingham Congregational; Church, UCC, in Hingham, Massachusetts.
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San Francisco, CA 94132

The Rev. Orton C. Anderson, studied in the Master of Arts program in religious education in 1964, and since leaving campus had one pastoral charge in Kingsland Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta, and spent 30 years as a mental health chaplain in Wayburon, Saskatchewan (5 years) and the remainder in Brandon, Manitoba. The Rev. Orton has been a chaplain supervisor and taught courses at both hospitals for 26 years. “My year at Hartford Seminary was very valuable in making me a ‘life-long learner.’ It also gave me valuable teaching skills which helped me as I taught courses for the Religion Department at Brandon University, and Supervised Pastoral Education courses for the University of Winnipeg, Faculty of Theology.”
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Dr. Raleigh E. Bailey, Ph.D. ’73, is founding Director of the Center for New Carolinians (CNNC) at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG), is now Director Emeritus and Senior Research Scientist in the Office of Research and Economic Development at UNCG. In 2001, CNNC was established by the UNC Board of Governors to be a resource to the state university system in immigrant outreach, research, and training. It was built upon the AmeriCorps Cross Cultural Education Service Systems (ACCESS), established in 1994. In 2003 he received the lifetime achievement award from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Refugee Program for service to refugees, and in 2008 he received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. In March of 2010 the Office of the Governor of the State of North Carolina awarded him the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.
During 1993 and 1994, Dr. Bailey administered the Casa Guadalupe His-panic Outreach Project for Catholic Social Services in Winston-Salem. From 1989 to 1993, he lived in Southeast Asia: first in Thailand where he administered an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) refugee training program through the Department of State; and then in Cambodia where he administered a USAID funded prosthetics project for land mine victims. Prior to that, 1984-89, he served as Director of Refugee Programs for Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas. During that time he directed the initial Montagnard resettlement project in the U.S. The project received a White House Presidential Citation. From 1976 to 1984, Dr. Bailey was an education and training specialist with the Head Start State Training Office at NC A & T State University. Prior to that, he taught anthropology at Guilford College. He has an undergraduate degree from Florida Southern College and a theological degree from Boston University. His doctoral work at Hartford Seminary Foundation in Human Nature and Religion was related to the Eastern Religions within the counterculture of the sixties. With adoptive children of different heritages as well as biological children, he has an ethnically diverse family, including several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
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David Balster, M.A.’72, is self-employed, providing health and wellness services.
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The Rev. Dr. Linda Barnes, D.Min. ’98, is currently Pastor of the Colchester Federated Church in Colchester, Connecticut, and recently completed a Spiritual Direction Practicum at the Mercy Center in Madison. Her daughter, Medora Barnes, is a sociology professor at John Carroll University.
in Ohio, and her daughter Julia Barnes is an artist and teacher in New York City.

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Colchester, CT 06415

The Rev. Gordon Bates, S.T.M. '64, retired in 2004 as Minister of Justice Ministry Programs for the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, where he had been since 1997. Prior to that he was Executive Director of the Connecticut Prison Association (1980-1997); Director of Volunteer Programs for the Connecticut Prison Association (1969-1980); and the Organizing Pastor of Eastminster Fellowship, UPUSA (1964-1968). He married Wanda L. Blakeway on August 16, 1958, and they are the parents of four daughters, and the grandparents of six. The Rev. Bates was educated at Trinity College and Western Theological Seminary (now Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), before coming to Hartford Seminary, where he received his S.T.M. in Philosophical Theology. He writes, "In 2005, I began researching the history of the Connecticut Prison Association (organized 1875 in Hartford, CT). In the spring of 2014, I will be giving the finished manuscript to the Wesleyan University Press for publication provisionally titled: 'Two Faces of Justice: The Role of the Connecticut Prison Association in the Development of Connecticut's Criminal Justice System, 1875 - 2000.'"

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Cromwell, CT 06416

Dr. Joanne Bauer, M.A. '75, WLI ’11, followed up her Masters work at Hartford Seminary by earning an M.S. in Special Education. She has worked for more than 30 years as an educator, administrator, evaluator and researcher for specialized programs, and currently has a private practice as a psycho-educational therapist in Connecticut. Awarded a scholarship by the West End Civic Association in Hartford, she took the Women's Leadership Institute program in 2011. Dr. Bauer received her Ph.D. from New York University in Communication Arts and Technology Leadership, and has presented and been published widely. A visual artist, she has participated in more than 80 juried and invited exhibitions. Her full-length book of poetry, Drawn Parallels, was published in April of 2014, and her chapbook for Finishing Line Press will be released shortly.

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The Rev. Dr. Ledyard S. Baxter, D.Min. '94, writes, "After 40+ years in full time parish ministry in 3 different United Church of Christ conferences—PA, MA, and NY—my wife and I have happily retired to my community and house of origin in Newington as of July 2012. My wife Nancy (who is also retired UCC clergy and a social worker and who also took some courses at the seminary) and I have become “Associate Members” of Center Church in Hartford and are about to become members of my home church here in Newington – where I was confirmed and ordained. In our first year and a half of retirement we have been a bit consumed with fixing up “this old house” but it does not stop us from visits with 2 wonderful granddaughters in the Boston area (ages 9 and 3) as well as catching up with other family and friends. In the fall of 2013 we co-taught an 8 week Bible Study course at both our Hartford and Newington churches emphasizing a combination of historical background and devotional inspiration with the Bible. We enjoy attending the Sunday morning adult class at Center Church and various small group experiences in Newington. It looks like we may be signing on to be the UCC Pension Board representatives in our area.

We are also working into “serious retirement hobbies” - sewing for Nancy and HO trains for me! Having been part of the Clergy Letter Project in recent years where I have several “Evolution Sunday” sermons, I would like to be in touch with folks regarding this long standing interest in the ‘faith and science dialogue.’"

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From 1961 to 2000, Dr. Auburn A. Boyers, M.A. '61, served in Christian Education and/or pastoral ministry in churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He was Professor of Education at Eastern Mennonite College (University) from 1969 to 1994, and received a Doctor of Education degree from the School of Education, University of Pittsburgh, in 1969. He writes, “My time at Hartford was a great and enriching experience. I continue to cherish my time there.”

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Since his time at Hartford, the Rev. Dr. Robert B. Bradley, BMP ’93, attended Faith Evangelical Seminary in Tacoma, Washington, and holds a Masters of Theology, Masters of Divinity, and Doctor of Ministry degree. “I am the Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Albany, New York, where I have served the past 19 years. I am also the Past Moderator of the Hudson River Frontier Missionary Baptist Association, and Past General Recording Secretary of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, where I currently serve as Assistant Financial Secretary. I am also the past President of the Congress of Christian Education of the Hudson River Frontier Missionary Baptist Association in Albany, New York.”

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The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Breckenridge, M.A. ’63, (married to the Rev. Thomas Breckenridge, B.D. ’64) writes, “We are the parents of three grown children and six grandsons. I am an ordained Evangeli-
The Rev. Dr. Peter R.K. Brenner, M.Div. ’70, D.Min. ’82, served 5 churches totaling forty years, and wrote and published his first book, Behind the Smile: Orphaned by Hitler’s Madness, in 2011. “I have visited the campus on occasion! Am impressed with the new facilities. Have kept in touch with a handful of classmates. Always read publications and flyers regarding the programs and activities. Retired to Chatham on Cape Cod. I promote my memoir via book signings and lectures/presentations.” He is currently at work on his second book.

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The Rev. Mary Brodhead, M.A. ’90, writes, “I am retired after serving Noank Baptist Church as Minister of Education and Mission for 23 years full time. I have had the joy of helping develop some very important programs in the State for homeless. One was for folks being transitioned out of the local mental hospital without community support. Secondly, I was key in developing a program for families in danger of homelessness called Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality (MAS). Representatives of both local social service programs and Mystic area churches provide support in finding permanent housing and provide a home setting that is safe and free for 30-90 days until they can get a direction in their lives. The Noank Church also rented a home the church owned on their property to an AIDS mom and 2 small children. Since her death the church and one family in particular have helped these children grow up and experience the love of a family. Lastly, I served the local Habitat program by serving on the Board for 6 years and setting up a family selection committee for potential new home owners. My husband and I also provided very inexpensive housing for 3 years to a couple from Ghana, Africa, while they were getting the education needed to get a Masters and RN degree. My husband and I support 6 children, some of whom cannot make it on their own. One has spent a number of years in jail mostly for drug-related concerns.”

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The Rev. Dr. Shirley M. Bromley, D.Min. ’90, worked for several years in pastoral ministry in New England and California and is now retired. She celebrated same-sex marriage in Massachusetts after 25 years, and remains active in the California UCC Conference.

55 Southwind Circle
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The Rev. Frank Brooks, M.Div. ’53, is retired, but still working as Parish Associate at Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church in Dallas. He writes that he is “currently enjoying the success of my grandchildren. I have a grandson who is a logistics manager for Amazon.com; another grandson who is a graduate school student in accounting and currently doing an internship with Ernst & Young.

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Carolyn Brooks-Burton, BMCP ’90, is retired from LIMRA international in Windsor, Connecticut, and now a full-time community volunteer serving on several boards in Greater Hartford. She is currently President of LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing) Gospel Festival and Fair and the LEVAS Community Choir. As for latest news, she writes, “Too much to list but loving it all because I believe that I am doing what I have been called by God to do in Lay Ministry.”

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Noora Brown, M.A. ’97, was born and raised in Wallingford, CT. She was brought up as an Episcopalian and attended St. John’s Episcopal Church – Yalesville. She graduated cum laude from Clark University with a B.A. degree in Psychology and completed a Master’s degree in Muslim Christian Relations at Hartford Seminary. She discovered and converted to Islam while in college. Since then, she has been a practicing Muslim, an active leader and advocate of Muslim Christian relations and interfaith dialogue. Noora has spoken about Islam and Muslim Christian relations at many venues including libraries, schools, senior centers and churches. She is married and has three children living in Unionville, CT. “I’ve been busy as a founding board member of the Farmington Valley American Muslim Center in Avon, CT. This is an exciting project that includes an ongoing interfaith relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. We have run several interfaith service projects and book clubs. I’m happy to be putting all that I learned at Hartford Seminary to good use.”

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The Rev. Dr. Osborne Buchanan, Jr., M.A. ’62, was Pastor of the Clementon Community Church in New Jersey (1964 to 1974); Missionary for and State Director of the Child Evangelism Fellowship of New Jersey through 1985; Missionary/Assistant to the President, International Missions/Christar, 1986-1997; Missionary/Assistant to the General Director, Fellowship International Mission, 1998-2005; and has served as Chaplain at Country Meadows Retirement Communities since 2006. Dr. Buchanan is a contributing author in How to Organize a Mission Program in the Local Church, published in 1973, has visited all 48 of the continental United States, and was
A DISTINCTIVE JOURNEY FROM HARTFORD SEMINARY

Dr. Donald C. Helm, M.Div. ’62, is Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering at Morgan State University, occupying that school’s Massie Chair of Excellence. A Mathematics major at Amherst College, Don followed his divinity studies at Hartford Seminary by earning his M.S. in Geological Engineering and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. His career in science has been informed by the experiences of studying at Hartford Seminary, as he says, always working “to link imagination and empirical corroboration.” Of his time in Hartford, Dr. Helm recalls the Seminary “was filled with unusual students and inspiring faculty. The world seemed to converge on the Seminary. It remains the best school among the many I have attended. The three years at Hartford were my happiest as a student.”

Dr. Helm recently reunited with his friend and classmate, Dr. Harjeet Singh Gill, Ph.D. ’62, in India, where he is Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. “Harjeet and I occupied the two rooms and bathroom at the top of the stairs behind the refectory’s pantry, namely Hosmer’s entire fourth floor ‘tower.’ We called it the ‘Saddhu Ashram.’ There Harjeet founded the Hartford Seminary Literary Society, solicited contributions from students and faculty, and published them monthly in Toledoth, an informal Seminary journal he established, typed out, mimeographed, and distributed on campus. There were also monthly literary gatherings and discussions following faculty and/or student presentations in the Saddhu Ashram. I remember Professors Malcolm Pitt and Ford Lewis Battles were regular participants. Professor Pitt was interested in all things South Asian and, though an eminent Professor of Church History, Professor Battles had in his youth been a Rhodes Scholar in English Literature under C.S. Lewis.

“Though I had majored in mathematics, Amherst had given me a sufficiently broad core curriculum so that I could enjoy this literary stimulation. With Harjeet’s challenging help I learned to contribute both to the writing and to the discussion. Having a Master’s in English literature, Harjeet wrote his exam answers in Church History in iambic pentameter, thinking correctly that Professor Battles would appreciate it.”

The wide-range of Dr. Helm’s influence is reflected in another recent encounter. In September of 2013, he was invited to address the plenary session of the International Association of Engineering, Geology and the Environment in Beijing. “After the conference, my wife and I joined one of the geologic field trips. This one ended in Xi’an, home of the ancient terra cotta warriors, to view the famous land fissures that have unfortunately destroyed parts of this historic city. Xi’an served as the Imperial Capital of about 15 dynasties as well as to Chiang Kai Shek’s government before and during World War II, not to mention its being the point of origin of the famed silk route between China and the Mediterranean world that was assiduously traced in reverse by Marco Polo, who wanted to corner the market.

Dr. Helm has modified his stock lecture somewhat to address the problem faced by my local hosts in Xi’an.

“Neither of us recognized the other. I remember him as being much shorter; he remembers me as being much taller. Some grow with age, whereas others, at least at my age and as some schoolmates at Hartford may vouch, shrink.

“Later, I expanded on these ideas and wrote a paper called ‘Hydraulic forces play a role in generating fissures at depth.’ The Association of Engineering Geologists awarded it Best Paper of the Year (1994). Unknown to me, this young man translated the paper into Chinese and distributed it not only to all geology students in Xi’an for now around 20 years but to other Earth Science university faculties throughout the country. Talk about a seed falling on fertile soil!”

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listed in Who’s Who in Religion in 1975 and 1977. He writes, “I appreciate the training I received. Disappointed that the excellent library I used on campus was sold. Have some reservations about some aspects of the direction of the Seminary taken in recent years.”

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The Rev. Alan D. Carvalho, M.Div. ’61, served three churches in Connecticut, three on Long Island, New York, and one on Staten Island, New York. He also was an Instructor and Chaplain for the Nassau County Police Department, Chief Chaplain of the New York State Association of Fire Chaplains, Inc., chaplain to two fire associations, and was local and divisional chairperson for Kiwanis for churches for 39 years. The Rev. Carvalho married Ann Livingston in 1962, and has one daughter, Dyan. Of his time at Hartford Seminary he writes of “administrators and Professors who were knowledgeable yet who were thoughtful and courteous toward the students. That is rare! It gave a relaxed atmosphere for study and learning. A stupid question was not considered stupid! No longer having a M.Div. program is a deep loss!”

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The Rev. Bobbie Chapman, M.A. ’95, has pastored Founders Congregational Church since January 2001. She provides a number of services to local churches, area associations and groups of local churches on health issues, conflict resolution, mediation, stewardship and church growth. She has facilitated retreats and workshops as requested and designed for the individual church or group, and writes a weekly newspaper column for the local paper’s Religion Page.

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The Rev. Dr. Terasa G. Cooley, D.Min. 2007, is currently serving as the Program and Strategy Officer of the Unitarian Universalist Association, one of the Vice Presidents in charge of all program staff groups and key strategic initiatives. “We are currently working on ‘rebranding’—get clearer about what we should signal about ourselves in a world full of distortion and noise. I would welcome stories from others engaged in something similar.”

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The Rev. Warren E. Covell, B.D. ’59, served as pastor in six United Methodist churches over 40 years in Connecticut and New York State, and an additional six churches, part time, in retirement over ten years. His wife, Phyllis Storrs Covell, M.A. ’56, died in 2010, and the Rev. Covell currently lives in a retirement community and is active in Cicero United Methodist Church in Cicero, New York. He is the father of four children, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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The Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree, D.Min. ’89, is currently the Interim Florida Conference Minister for the United Church of Christ. She served for 14 years as Connecticut’s Conference Minister and for five years as Southern California’s. In her earlier life, she was a parish pastor, campus minister, and founder, in New Britain, Connecticut, of the first domestic violence shelter and program east of San Francisco. A 1972 M. Div. graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, she earned her D. Min. at Hartford Seminary in 1989 and Alban Institute published her dissertation as The Empowering Church in 1989. Her work focused on the connection between faith and work in the lives of the laity of her parish. In 1975 she received the Antoinette Brown Award from the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. For many years she served on the Boards of the Insurance Board and the Council of Conference Ministers, serving each as Chair and in other offices. She also was an officer of Amistad America, Inc. for ten years during the construction, launch and initial voyages of the replica ship.

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The Rev. Dr. Gail Cromack, M.A. ’67, went on from Hartford to receive a Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from Syracuse University in 1979, an M.P.S. from Cornell University in Development Sociology in 1987, and an M.Div. from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1995. She is currently Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in San Bruno, California.

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Mrs. Desney Kempston Cromey, M.A. ’70, with her degree in religious education, she and her husband Roger became very involved in the development of the Corrymeela Community, which was set up to engage in peacebuilding and reconciliation through the healing of social, religious and political divisions in Northern Ireland. Desney was also part of a team that was formed to provide a group program working with bereaved children affected by sectarian violence. This program, TREE- TOPS, ran from 1993 to 2005. She says that “in looking back, I am aware of the imprint of Hartford Seminary on the whole TREE-TOPS enterprise. It was at the Seminary that I developed an interest in grief and bereavement topics, which became an important component of my work. Also the Seminary’s course and staff are so comfortable and experienced in dialogue about diverse and multi-faith issues. I find that mission and aims of Hartford Seminary to
A MINISTRY OF TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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Along with these commitments, Odell is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, New Haven Chapter, and manages her own business, Digital Visions, which prepares congregations to integrate various eTools. A program she recently began offering is called “FaithNet.” FaithNet teaches congregations how to express their faith on the Internet. By selecting appropriate applications, assisting with web-design, using SMART technology and, most importantly, enabling video streaming, Odell helps congregations overcome the sometimes intimidating world of technology — a service she enjoys sharing.

Odell’s effectiveness in ministering to others and changing lives has won her the respect of many, not least of which are the students and graduates of the Black Ministries Program at Hartford Seminary. This past year she was elected as the first President of the BMP Alumni Association, which is now planning its 1st Reunion (complete with panel discussions and workshops) to be held in May 2014. She is elated and proud to begin working with a great alumni team to reclaim the BMP program. From effective Sunday School teacher to job trainer to interdenominational leader to admired BMP instructor and guide, Odell has heard and responded to a consistent call to be an agent of change.

Odell credits her family for their love and support, naming her two children, Jackie and Jonathan, and granddaughter, Maya, as steady inspiration. Hartford Seminary has been the setting for both her ministry of transformation in others’ lives, as well as part of the transformation of her own.

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Odell walked across the stage at Commencement in 2003 to receive her Masters Degree in Congregational Studies. She recalls stepping off of the stage in her robe and being approached by her Black Theology professor, the Rev. Benjamin K. Watts. Dr. Watts asked her to become the Teacher Assistant in the Black Ministries Program for the Old and New Testament classes. In the fall 2004, Odell began a leadership role in the program which she continues 11 years later. “As students in seminary, we can become overwhelmed as we are challenged with our understanding of God and faith, balancing church, family and school. As the Teacher Assistant, I first began assisting the professor, now I have expanded my support to both professor and student.” Odell assists students in using their critical analytical skills while reading and interpreting the Bible and resources. “My goal is to challenge and empower the students to ask the critical questions as they wrestle with their understanding of God and while maintaining their faith. I discovered my theological voice at Hartford Seminary and how to become a critical thinker. Growing up my grandmother said, ‘Never question God.’ Hartford Seminary gave me the skills to critically question scholarly study of God and while not disrespecting my grandmother orders.”

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Along with these commitments, Odell is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, New Haven Chapter, and manages her own business, Digital Visions, which prepares congregations to integrate various eTools. A program she recently began offering is called “FaithNet.” FaithNet teaches congregations how to express their faith on the Internet. By selecting appropriate applications, assisting with web-design, using SMART technology and, most importantly, enabling video streaming, Odell helps congregations overcome the sometimes intimidating world of technology — a service she enjoys sharing.

Odell’s effectiveness in ministering to others and changing lives has won her the respect of many, not least of which are the students and graduates of the Black Ministries Program at Hartford Seminary. This past year she was elected as the first President of the BMP Alumni Association, which is now planning its 1st Reunion (complete with panel discussions and workshops) to be held in May 2014. She is elated and proud to begin working with a great alumni team to reclaim the BMP program. From effective Sunday School teacher to job trainer to interdenominational leader to admired BMP instructor and guide, Odell has heard and responded to a consistent call to be an agent of change.

Odell credits her family for their love and support, naming her two children, Jackie and Jonathan, and granddaughter, Maya, as steady inspiration. Hartford Seminary has been the setting for both her ministry of transformation in others’ lives, as well as part of the transformation of her own.

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be rather similar to the aims of Corrymeela—embracing difference, healing division, enabling reconciliation. From recent material I have read, I feel sure that, as in the 1970 era, Hartford Seminary is well geared to stretch students in stimulating research and analysis and engage them in reflective practice. All this is in a warm, welcoming environment with ample opportunity for faith formation, fun and fellowship. What more could a body ask for?"

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Newtown Abbey, County Antrim,
BT370NN, NORTHERN IRELAND

The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, D.Min. ’04, is currently serving as Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where she has been since 2004. She is author of several books, including This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers, co-authored by Martin B. Copenhaver, and When ‘Spiritu al But Not Religious’ is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church. Dr. Daniel also hosts a Chicago-based public television program “30 Good Minutes,” and is an editor at large for Christianity Today. “I am most grateful to Hartford Seminary. My thesis for my D.Min. became my first book, Tell It Like it Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony.”

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Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

The Rev. Dr. Susan De Simone, D.Min. ’01, served as President of the Interim Ministry Network, taught interim ministry theory and practice with that network as a faculty member until 2005; started and shepherded an Open and Affirming process in a church of which I am now a member; and traveled to India, China, Italy, France, Russia and Eastern Europe. “I loved Hartford Seminary with its diversity and commitment to justice and enlightenment. I wish the Seminary would hold programs down here in the SW corner of Connecticut.”

419 Pintail Court
Chestertown, MD 21620

The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Diehl, D.Min. ’86, served churches in New Haven, Hamden, and Wallingford, Connecticut, wrote study guides for adult education, The Bible for Beginners, and taught that course in four different settings. Of his time in Hartford Dr. Diehl wrote, “Met some very interesting and brilliant classmates. Had a wonderful learning and refreshing experience. All my experiences there were most positive. Served me well during life—transforming!”

43 Brentwood Drive
Wallingford, CT 06493


233 Ralph Road
Manchester, CT 06040

The Rev. Ernest F. Dunn, B.D. ’62, retired to New Mexico in 2002, after serving as Associate Director of the Wesley Foundation for four years, and then for 33 years professor and administrator at Rutgers University in New Jersey. He has traveled worldwide, visiting 29 countries, and is married with two daughters.

191 Camino Rayo del Sol
Corrales, NM 87048

The Rev. Dr. V. Donald Emmel, D.Min. ’80, writes, “Since my D.Min degree, I left West Hartford and returned to California, where I continued to be a pastor in both Northern and Southern California prior to retirement in Napa in 1989. My latest work has been the publishing of Eliminating Satan and Hell, Affirming a Compassionate God (Wipf and Stock Publishers, Eugene, Oregon). The book is an in-depth research affirming that the myths of Satan and hell explained the world for the ancients, but are no longer viable for understanding our contemporary scientific world and should be eliminated from our theologies.”

1079 Century Court
Napa, CA 94558

The Rev. Dr. Robert Foltz-Morrison, D.Min. ’13, was born in New Jersey and grew up in the canal area of Panama. He received his B.A. from Davidson College and his M.Div. from Princeton Seminary, and has served churches in North Carolina, New York, Minnesota and New Jersey. He and his wife, also a Presbyterian minister, have two adult sons. Dr. Foltz-Morrison writes, “I moved to New York City in October 2013 to serve the Presbytery of New York City as its elected Executive Presbyter (elder). The Presbytery of New York City is a regional body of the Presbyterian Church (USA). I am responsible for supporting and growing the worship and witness of 14,000 Presbyterians in 96 congregations and 10 fellowships in the five boroughs of New York City. Collectively we are a Christian community drawn from five continents.”

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New York, New York 10027

Darlene Forte, BMP ’92, writes, “In my years since graduating from Hartford Seminary, most of my experience has been in nursing and teaching. I obtained a degree in nursing from Lawson State College in 2000. In 2002, I became a CPR/AED instructor for the American Red Cross. Shortly after my graduation from Hartford Seminary, I returned to my hometown near
The Rev. Kendall D. Geis, D.Min. ’93, is Executive Pastor at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, and writes, “I am grateful for the experiences the D.Min. program at Hartford Seminary afforded me!”
18073 Cascade Drive
Eden Prairie, MN  55347

The Rev. Dewey Gierke, D.Min. ’00, is currently Pastor of the First Congregational Church in Cape Coral, Florida, and was Chaplain of Hope Hospice of Southwest Florida from 2007 to 2012. Prior to going to Florida, Dr. Gierke was Pastor of the Florence Congregational Church in Florence, Massachusetts.
1620 Orchid Boulevard
Cape Coral, FL  33904-7477

The Rev. Charles Gieser, M.A. ’67, served as a pastor and Presbyterian Minister to students at Middle Tennessee State University, and was a camp director for 30 years. Of his time at Hartford he writes, “Good experience—educational meetings/how to help and minister to people—academic and other.”
205 Highland Road
Greenville, NY  12083

The Rev. Janice Glenn, D.Min. ’01, completed a manuscript of a Christian children’s book, and is an administrator/case manager for a housing program that serves the HIV-AIDS community. She writes, “I enjoyed my years at Hartford Seminary; those I met, and all that I learned.”
1290 Givan Avenue
Bronx, NY  10469-2924

Hartford Seminary ”gave me a great start and feel for parish ministry,” writes the Rev. Dr. David H. Graham, B.D. ’67, and he practiced that ministry in Scotland, Connecticut, Marion, Massachusetts, and Battle Creek, Michigan, where he served for 30 years. He and his wife of 57 years, Patricia, have two daughters and three grandchildren, and retired first to Sedona and then Sun City, Arizona.
13601 N. Teakwood Drive

Dr. Franklin D. Graham, M.A. ’63, was the Founder and President of Martha’s Vineyard Theological Seminary in Florida. He is married to Marianna Graham, and has three daughters and 4 grandchildren. Hartford Seminary was “a great school. One of my professors was Peter Berger.”
721 Marina Point Drive
Daytona Beach, FL. 32114

The Rev. Charles Norvell Gross, M.Div ’67, D.Min ’79, spent 40 years as pastor of three United Church of Christ congregations in Durham, New Hampshire, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, and Danvers, Massachusetts. He was awarded the Martin Luther King “Drum Major for Justice” award in 2001. “Hartford Seminary was my launching place into the wider world; my eyes and soul were opened by faculty, staff and students to the possibilities of ecumenical understanding and cooperation; I grew through faith questions and the pursuit of peace and justice in the world where I lived and worked. Hartford Seminary helped mold me into the person and minister I became through my 40-year career. I am indeed grateful for the friendships, challenges and opportunities offered to me through my years at Hartford Seminary. Thank you to all and for all.”
32 Ledgewood Drive
Danvers, MA  01923-1139

The Rev. Wadi Z. Haddad, M.Div. ’58, retired 20 years ago from teaching world religions. During his career, he and his wife, Yvonne, wrote Christian-Muslim Encounters (University Press of Florida, 1995) and co-edited the Seminary’s Muslim World Journal.
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A MINISTRY OF TEACHING, CARING AND SONG

Sister Marie Roccapriore M.A. ‘96, D.Min. ’99 is a member of the Order of Religious Teachers Filippini, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey, and her diverse ministry vividly reflects both commitment to and effectiveness in educating and inspiring Christians to care for one another. In the 1950s and 1960s, Sister Marie was an elementary school teacher in New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, and from 1966 to 1978, was principal of St. Nicholas of Tolentine School in Philadelphia. Sister Marie then turned to parish ministry and direction of Christian education programs at parishes in Cheshire and North Haven, before coming to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Meriden in 1993. There she began two programs of pastoral care that would transform not only those in need within the parishes she served, but so many beyond them.

The first program was “Homebound Encouraged through Assistance in Love” (HEAL), based on Sister Marie’s conviction that the spiritual needs of the infirm, elderly and shut-in do not necessarily have to be met by highly trained specialists in pastoral care, but by empowering ordinary people of faith to embrace and use their natural compassion and concern in service to this population — for the transformation of both. When she was appointed as Director of Ministry to the Sick and Elderly for St. Thomas Church in Southington in 1998, the HEAL program continued, and became the foundation for her Doctor of Ministry project at Hartford Seminary. That work was later published in 2003 by Twenty-Third Publications as *Caring for the Sick and Elderly: A Parish Guide*, widely read, still in print and available. Sister Marie explains her approach in the introduction: “By sharing time with the sick and elderly — extending a compassionate hand, a prayerful heart, loving eyes, and sensitive ears — other people can bring to them the face of the healing Christ and help to make a significant difference in their lives.”

The second program Sister Marie developed while at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, which continues and thrives to this day, is “Spirit Joy Children's Music Ministry,” which empowers young people to reach out to the sick and elderly through music. Children of all ages, from various parishes, diverse backgrounds and many cities in Connecticut gather twice monthly “to praise God in song and fellowship in preparation for their ministry involvement. They perform in nursing homes, hospitals, parishes and health-care facilities.” Teaming up with internationally known musician Jose Feliciano and his wife Susan, Spirit Joy now has produced three albums of songs, composed by Sister Marie, and so is heard around the country and world. A *Spirit Joy Melody and Lyrics Book* has also been published, and the children of Spirit Joy often appear on the Archdiocese’s television mass on Channel 20 WTXX in Prospect.

As both these programs of pastoral outreach were very much a part of Sister Marie’s ministry during her time at Hartford Seminary, in both the Masters and Doctoral programs, she writes, “I am filled with wonderful memories and blessed experiences. Although I was the only Roman Catholic Sister in the doctoral program with several ministers of diverse traditions, I was comfortable with my surroundings and gained a great deal spiritually, intellectually, and emotionally.”

In particular, Sister Marie fondly recalls “my special mentor, Sister Miriam Therese Winter, who was an enormous influence in my continued music ministry with children. She left a strong impact upon me that continues to motivate me today with Spirit Joy Children’s Music Ministry. I will always be grateful for all the positive benefits of my education at Hartford Seminary. I pray that blessings in abundance surround Hartford Seminary and the staff.”
They spent eight years at Kaimosi Friends Mission Station in Kenya, helping to train pastors and leaders. “We later adopted two children who still live nearby with family. In 1981, I was recorded a Friends pastor of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends in Plainfield, Indiana. Then I served as pastor of Walnut Friends for 20 years until it closed. I am still active in Plainfield Friends Meeting, presently clerk of Ministry and Counsel. Also active in Kiwanis and several women’s groups including United Society of Friends Women.” Mrs. Hadley is the daughter of Constance Barker Ault (Hartford School of Missions Class of 1918, classmate of Moses Bailey and missionary to Turkey) and Gilbert E. Ault. 1342 Almond Court Plainfield, IN 46168-9355

The Rev. James Harrison, D.Min. ’92, is retired after serving as Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Woodstock, Connecticut for 35 years. “In addition to traveling and seeing family and friends on the West Coast, I have been doing some interim stints at two UCC churches in Connecticut.” 179 Pulpit Rock Road Woodstock, CT 06281

The Rev. Dr. Ivan O. Hawk III, M.A. ’92, D.Min. ’95, worked in the diocese of Burlington, Vermont, to oversee the academic programs for religious education and for youth ministry, wrote two books which have been combined and converted to digital format through iTunes, and has served the parish of Holy Cross in Colchester, Vermont, for the past 18 years, with focus on youth ministry and family spirituality. With his wife, Dr. Hawk began an evangelization ministry that has blossomed into an incredible “ReachOut” program. He writes, “It took me three years to decide to attend Hartford Seminary. With my Catholic background, I was not sure it was the ultimate place for me to get my doctorate. Once I did decide to attend the seminary, I discovered to my pleasant surprise that it was an incredible opportunity to intermingle with people from all faiths. Included in my colleague seminar were clergy from about every Protestant denomination including one person from the Unitarian Universalist church. One of the many highlights of my six years included a course on Christology, utilizing the Bible as well as the Qur’an. My professors represented Christianity and Islam. In summary, my experience was quite incredible, something that I will never forget. 81 Brook Drive Burlington, VT 05408

The Rev. Nathan B. Hege spent a semester in 1957 studying Islamics and teaching English as a second language at the Kennedy School of Missions. Mr. Hege was a missionary in Ethiopia from 1950 to 1974, and worked as a pastor, church administrator, writer and editor statewide from 1975-1995. He is the author of Beyond our Prayers: An Amazing Half-Century of Church Growth in Ethiopia, 1948-1998. 1001 E. Oregon Road HV 28 Lititz, PA 17543

Since his time in Hartford, the Rev. Leon Hermes, D.Min. ’96, has led a new church start, trained as an “Intentional Transitional Pastor,” and served in that capacity in Dover, New Hampshire, and Toledo, Ohio. He writes that the D.Min. program was a “most valuable educational experience. Very grateful to M.T. Winter for her inspiration, guidance, scholarship and friendship.” 20 Rennie Lane Brounfield, ME 04010 (April to October) 101 Lake Side Drive Oldsmar, FL 34677 (October to April)

The Rev. David S. Hill, M.Div. ’58, retired in 1997, having served as pastor of United Methodist churches in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Married to Nancy Phillbrick since 1957 and father of two children, David manages the community garden in Attleboro, coordinated CROP hunger walks for many years, and sings with the Barbershop Harmony Chorus. “When I came to Hartford Seminary after 3 semesters at another seminary, I was warmly welcomed, felt support of both faculty and students. Especially appreciated New Testament Classes with Alexander Purdy, and classes with Moses Bailey. I appreciate the road to diversity and interfaith focus of recent years.” 52 Glendale Road Attleboro, MA 02708

The Rev. Dr. David E. Huff, D.Min. ’90, retired from active ministry in 1998 while serving as pastor of the Litchfield United Methodist Church in Litchfield, Connecticut, and moved to New Hampshire. He has been active in a very progressive UCC church in the college town of Plymouth with 15 other retired pastors from several denominational backgrounds, and is a guest preacher, mainly in the summer, and remains involved in choral work, singing in the Suncook Valley Chorale, located in nearby Concord. “I have been very impressed with the focus and format of the D.Min. program at Hartford Seminary. Continued best wishes to you and a special thank you to M.T. Winter.” 8 Morning Glory Drive Franklin, NH 03235

The Rev. James Emerson Humphrey, B.D. ’63, M.A. ’64, served United Church of Christ congregations in New England, Alabama and North Carolina. He writes, “Faye and I are blessed with four adult children with spouses and ten grandchildren. As retirement has come, I have served five interim ministries. Hartford Seminary gave me an appreciation through its diversity that (in the words of our UCC) that ‘no matter who we are or where we are in life’s journey, we are welcome.’” 321 Landowne Road Charlotte, NC 28270

The Rev. Dr. Molly James, Ph.D. ’11, currently serves as the Dean of Formation for The Episcopal Church in Connecticut. She also serves as an adjunct professor at
Dr. Robert Johnston, Ph.D. ’77, taught at the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminar at Andrews University in Michigan from 1974 until his retirement in 2002. Dr. Johnston still does contract teaching, and is the author of three books, including one co-authored with Harvey K. McArthur, They Also Taught in Parables. 9638 Park Ridge Trail Berrien Center, MI 49102

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Johnson-Fay, D.Min. ’92, is Minister Emerita of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Over the years she has traveled in Africa, India (where she completed the 241-mile Dandi March through Gujarat State in 2005), Argentina, Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Dr. Johnson-Fay climbs the 14,000-foot Pikes Peak Annualy. She is involved with the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace commission, local food and organic gardening, the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, and enjoys six grown children and nine grandchildren. She is “grateful for the colleague seminar and degree program which taught me so much about effective ministry and the role of religion in society. I especially remember the cutting edge awareness of the importance of Islamic studies and the complexity of the politics, culture and religion of the Middle East and the general emphasis on inclusion of diverse people and cultures and interreligious understanding.” 2426 W. Platte Avenue Colorado Springs, CO 80904

After his time in Hartford, the Rev. Arpad de Kallos, M.A. ’57, was pastor to refugees in Geneva, Switzerland, a prison chaplain and Boy Scout clergy advisor in St. Louis, Missouri, and minister to various congregations in Connecticut, Ohio and Missouri for 50 years, retiring in April of 2012. “My studies at Hartford helped me in working with children and youth, particularly with Boy Scouts. Thank you! God bless you all!” 1633 Laclede Station Road #409 St. Louis, MO 63117-2038

The Rev. Dr. Bela B. Kalumbete, D.Min. ’03, writes that he is doing well in Tanzania, teaching theological courses at various institutions and helping to establish a school for grades 1-7, as well as farming “as a way of keeping me in the ring.” To his fellow Seminary alums, Dr. Kalumbete writes, “I have a new email address which you can use. Please feel free to drop me a line as I would like to hear from you. You people are a treasure to me and I pray for the school as often as I can.” To current students, he writes, “Ministry is fun with a lot of challenges,” and to the current faculty, “Never give up and don’t think of retiring. Life is too short to retire early and there is so much to do.”

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After serving the West Avon Congregational Church UCC for 32 years, the Rev. Dr. Donald H. Ketcham, D.Min. ’86, was named Pastor Emeritus in 2004. He is now a member of First Church UCC Farmington, Connecticut, a part-time chaplain at the University of Connecticut Health Center, and a clergy care representative for the United Church of Christ Pension Board. 1761 Farmington Avenue Unionville, CT 06085

Dr. Tukyul Andrew Kimm, M.A. ’59, EdD. ’62, was Assistant Professor and Chaplain at Keimyung University in Taegu, Korea, until 1964, Professor of Religious Education at the College of Theology and Chaplain at Yonsei University in Seoul until 1971; and pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church (USA) in Southfield, Michigan, until 1993 (where he remains Pastor Emeritus). Dr. Kimm was Chairperson of the Korean-English Hymn Book Publication Committee from 1976 to 1992, which created Korean-English bilingual hymn books for 2nd generation Korean-American ministry. He chaired the National Korean Presbyterian Council, PCUSA in 1976, and is the author of multiple works in both English and Korean. “To discover and cultivate Korean American future leadership, I founded the Korean-American Presbyterian Scholarship Fund in 1994, serving as its founding President for two years, and as the Executive Director since.” 29148 Fairfax Street Southfield, MI 48076

The Rev. Dr. Mary Decker Klaaren, D.Min. ’96, retired in 2007 as Senior Pastor at South Congregational Church, UCC in Middletown, Connecticut. 11 Summit Place Middletown, CT 06457

Hazel Kragt, M.A. ’67, spent time in the Philippines as Dean of the English Department at Hope Christian School, then in Berkeley, California, recruiting teachers with her husband, Earl, and as an Interim Director of Education in a Presbyterian Church in Indiana. She writes, “I enjoyed the year at Hartford—a busy time in my life (with three small children and with a sick mom in a mission in Kentucky!). It was a furlough year from mission work, and a time when the various branches of my former studies (psychology, sociology, literature and religion) seemed to form a ‘whole piece’ for me. My teachers helped me to think and relate ideas—and I have been grateful for that!” 18450 Iroquois Drive Spring Lake, MI 49456
**Faye Hackney-Lance**, KSM ’59, served in missionary service to India for 25 years as a village nurse. Her husband was the Rev. Edwin A. Hackney, who died in 1991; she then married Bishop J. R. Lance in 1996, who died in 2003.

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Asheville, NC 2880-1218

After receiving his degree from Hartford, **James S. Landon**, M.A. ’57, earned an M.Ed. from Wayne State University in Michigan in the area of educational psychology. He was Director of Religious Education at Lincoln Park Methodist Church in Michigan from 1957 to 1960, a public school 6th grade teacher in Garden City, Michigan, until 1965, and then taught 4th, 5th and 6th grade in Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Landon has been a 35-year volunteer for the American Red Cross as a first aid teacher and for the National Ski Patrol in Vermont, as well as a life-long valve brass instrument musician.

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The Revs. **Robert** B.D. ’52, and **Fidelia**, B.D.’ 52, **Lance** are living at Covenant Village in Cromwell, Connecticut, a multi-level-of-care community founded as a mission of the Evangelical Covenant Church. The Lanes are among 13 retired United Church of Christ ministers in residence there. Bob writes, “Aged 88 and 87, we are not as active in the Connecticut Conference (UCC) or politically as we were, but we do get to too many meetings and attend our church in Windsor most Sundays. Still relatively healthy aside from age-appropriate disabilities and happily taking part in the life of the community. The only achievement worth mentioning is that we both take air and give it out as recommended.”

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Cromwell, CT 06416-0131

Following graduation, the Rev. **Selma R. Lehman**, B.D. ’64, served as Assistant Director for the Greater Hartford Council of Churches and then as Director of the Martinetztown House of Neighborly Services in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 1967 she began a long career of pastoral leadership in Iowa, being ordained by the United Church of Christ that year. She spent eight years as the Chaplain at the Madrid Home for the Aging, served over 14 Iowa congregations as an intentional interim, and served in various capacities within the local, state and national levels of the United Church of Christ. Since retirement from full-time ministry in 1997, the Rev. Lehman has continued to serve part-time interim ministry positions and has been a widely involved community leader. Also in retirement she began to work in clay, joining a co-op art center and appreciating the mentoring of fellow artists. “I mostly do hand building pieces and enjoyed discovering the at times unexpected and surprising result. Somehow they reflect the unexpected turns my life has taken.”

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Grinnell, IA 50112-2268

The Rev. Dr. **Robert Loesch**, D.Min. ’87, has been Pastor of Zion’s United Church of Christ of Taborton in Sand Lake, New York, since 2006. He is the author of *The Day the Drum Stopped and Other Stories* (Troy Book Makers, Troy, New York), traveled to Cuba in 2012 under religious license, and has organized annual Earth Day events for the wider public. Dr. Loesch is Ecumenical Officer of the Hudson Mohawk Association of the UCC, a member of the Ecumenical Commission of Interfaith Affairs of the New York Conference of the UCC, the Protestant Representative on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany’s Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, the Co-chairperson of the Capital Region Ecumenical Officers and a leader in both the Sand Lake Area Association of Churches and the Troy Area United Ministries.

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Sand Lake, NY 12153

**Allen Lovekin**, KSM ’60, went on to earn an M.A. in journalism from Syracuse University, then spent nine years helping with literacy, mainly in Africa, and 20 years as an Employment Counselor for the State of New Mexico. Mr. Lovekin recalls, “William Wilmers was a great linguistics professor for me. Also Henry Gleason. I have a better understanding about how different languages work. It helped in producing literacy primers. You all do crucial background work against Islamism and terror. Fundamentalist bigotry tears up our world. But I’m not a fundamentalist Christian in my hope that you’ll keep Jesus as Lord. Stay well, in peace.”

110 Gabaldon Road
Las Vegas, NM 87701

The Rev. Dr. **John Luoma**, M.A. ’70, Ph.D. ’74, retired in 2005, but is on the staff of Hope Lutheran church in the Villages, Florida. Prior to his retirement, Dr. Luoma taught theology at a Lutheran college and seminary, and was a parish pastor for more than thirty years. He recently published an article in “Religion: A Clinical
The Rev. Jean Amos Lys, ’08 (BMP), M.A. ’12, is a first year Ph.D. student in Hartford Seminary’s International Ph.D. program with the University of Exeter, focusing on postcolonial theology. He was the 2010 recipient of the William Thompson Award for interest and proficiency in the field of biblical studies. He works as an evangelist, youth counselor, church consultant, and is resident theologian at Zion Haitian Baptist Church in Manchester, CT.

Acmad Toquero Macarimbang, G.C. ’10, completed his year in the International Peacemaking Program and returned home to the Philippines, where he held a number of academic and research positions. He writes, “I am currently in Palestine serving as Ecumenical Accompanier for the World Council of Churches’ EAPPI program. I was sent by an organization called the Peace for Life under the National Council of Churches in the Philippines. This is 3-month program which we will provide protective presence to the Palestinians by accompanying them while shepherding, and Palestinian kids crossing settler’s outposts from/to their homes and villages, and adults crossing the border checkpoints early in the morning to Israel for work.”

Dr. Esther Megill, M.A. ’60, Ed.R.D. ’66, served as a missionary of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Sierra Leone for 12 years, arriving in January of 1951. She was then involved in the union of the EUB and Methodist churches, and worked for the new church missions board in 1968. In 1973 she was assigned by the Board of Global Ministries to Ghana, where she taught at Trinity College, a cooperative theological school, and wrote a textbook for Christian Education (since revised and republished numerous times). Leaving Ghana in 1980 she returned to the United States to work in—and develop resources for—leadership development in the church, serving in a number of capacities: teacher, writer, organizer and mission interpreter. Since retirement in 1989, Dr. Megill traveled extensively around the world before settling in North Carolina. In 2004 she was awarded the James N. Gettemy Significant Ministry Award by Hartford Seminary, which she fondly recalls: “I believe the story of my life shows how much Hartford Seminary Foundation/Hartford Seminary influenced my life. I am very grateful for the years there, and appreciate the uniqueness of the Seminary now, though it is so different from when I was there.”

Rabbi Dr. Steven Mason, D. Min. ’93, is Director of the Interfaith Counseling Program of Counseling Affiliates, and, since 2009, a volunteer Jewish chaplain at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford. He writes, “The D.Min. program was relevant, especially useful when I was in congregational work (helped to establish a specialty chavurah).”

Since graduating, Linda Mayo-Perez Williams, M.A. ’11, married James E. Williams, and has been involved in church ministry and community action. She works with African American artists in Charleston, South Carolina, founding an artists’ collective and providing economic advancement catalysts for youth.

The Rev. John H. McIndoe, S.T.M. ’60, served the Church of Scotland from 1960 through 2000 in parishes at Dundee, Lark and London; Moderator of the General Assembly in 1996; and was awarded the D.D. from the University of Glasgow in 2000. He is married with three daughters, and writes, “Enjoyed and benefited from my year at Hartford studying with Professor Ford Battles.”

Martha Kemp McKnight, M.R.E ’53, KSM ’56, married Ted McKnight, KSM ’56, in 1956, and together have two children and two grandsons. She writes, “After earning an MRE in 1953, I worked at a community center in Amherstdale, Washington, from 1953-55. I studied at the Hartford School of Missions 1955-56. We served as missionaries of the Methodist Church in South Africa from 1956-61, and 1966-71. We later moved to Plainfield, Indiana, where Ted worked in adult education for the State of Indiana, and later as a hospital chaplain. I earned a Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University, and worked at Central Library in Indianapolis until my retirement in 1996. In 1997 we moved to Uplands Village, a retirement community, in Pleasant Hill, TN. We are members of the Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ and active in other community and county programs. Ted is part of an interfaith group, and I am currently on the county library Board. We have travelled to India and Cuba.”
ADVOCACY ENRICHED BY FAITH

Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, G.C. '11, M.A. '12, is a graduate of Hartford Seminary’s Islamic Chaplaincy program, and earned his and Master’s degree in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. It was at Hartford Seminary that he found the opportunity to express his religious identity as a Muslim and to nurture his beliefs in an atmosphere of learning where the ideas and actions of religion and multi-faith diversity are at the forefront. He graduated from Hartford Seminary with knowledge, tools and support to be an Islamic chaplain, and a sense of his own faith deepened.

Kamal says he chose to study at the Seminary because the Islamic Chaplaincy program is designed to provide students with the knowledge and the tools to minister to the Muslim community with pastoral care and services. As a community advocate, he had over twenty years of experience working with community members who were dealing with the very diverse issues. For example, as Director of the Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno, California, for seven years, he experienced being part of that community’s life events: marriages, births, sickness, hospitalizations, funerals, and the needs for social services. In this position he felt he needed the education and practical theory of care to expand his role of service to the community.

Kamal explains that in the Muslim community, the term “chaplain” can be a confusing one. Many still regard it as based in Christianity, even though today chaplaincy encompasses many religious outlooks and theologies. Muslim chaplains, like chaplains of other faith traditions, are spiritual caregivers, whether in hospitals, in religious community centers, in prisons or in educational institutions. The role of the Muslim chaplain is to be available and present to those who ask for and need religious or spiritual support. Kamal says that “As a Muslim chaplain, I respond by providing or facilitating services according to each individual’s needs. I do that by being inspired and guided by my faith and belief.” When working with patients as a hospital chaplain, he believes it is important to listen very closely, and to make a spiritual assessment of each individual and their needs. The act of listening and “being with” the patient allows him to understand and find what brings meaning to the patient and their understanding of their faith. Using their responses as tools, he is better able to touch their lives in the act of service to them and, for him, this becomes an act of worship as well. This approach is more than merely following a basic checklist. This type of interaction and participation allows “an opportunity to shed light on various fields related to the needs of Muslim patients, Islamic healing and bridging the gaps between religious and spiritual care and medical care.”

Currently, Kamal is traveling extensively to Muslim countries, including recent visits to Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. There he conducted chaplaincy seminars to provide Islamic chaplains with the necessary tools to minister to the religious needs of Muslim patients and their families during a hospitalization. As a contractual chaplain himself, Kamal provides spiritual care services at Stanford Hospital and also visits other hospitals in Fresno to bring Islamic chaplaincy services to Muslim patients. “The spiritual care services of the Muslim chaplain are holistic and concerned with the whole person and include religious, social, emotional and physical well-being.”

Kamal is also Director of Muslim Spiritual Care Services, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Islamic hospital chaplaincy. The organization also serves as a resource for healthcare providers and chaplains of all faiths. The mission of this service is to offer religious support and spiritual care to Muslim patients and their families based on the goals of Islamic jurisprudence (Maqased Al-Sharia) and Islamic legal maxims (Qawaid Al-Sharia), as well as to revive the tradition (Sunnah) of the Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) of visiting the sick.”

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The Rev. Dr. C. Taylor Morse, D.Min., ’05, writes, “I continue to volunteer as a hospital chaplain at Southern NH Medical Center in Nashua, NH. In June, 2013, I completed the Disaster Chaplaincy Training course at Hartford Seminary offered by the National Disaster Interfaith Networks. I am now volunteering with the NH Region, American Red Cross as a Disaster Spiritual Caregiver and am working with three other clergy and the regional ARC staff to get a Disaster Spiritual Care Team organized here in NH. I have also been certified as a Basic Level Instructor and will be teaching a variety of courses in the Basic Red Cross Disaster Services Curriculum. All of this and some denominational committee work keeps me about as busy as I choose to be in retirement. My wife Carolyn, our two retired Greyhounds and I are well.”

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Salem, NH 03079


16 St. Leonards Road
Forres, Moray, IV36 1DW, SCOTLAND

The Rev. Dr. Monsignor Michael J. Motta, D.Min., ’83, is Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Hartford and Pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Church in West Hartford, Connecticut. In 2010, he was honored by Fordham University with the “Sapientia et Doctrina” award. Of Hartford Seminary he writes, “I enjoyed my educational experience and am grateful for the D.Min. degree. It has helped me in my work.”

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West Hartford, CT 06110

The Rev. Dr. Imam Salahuddin M. Muhammad, GCIC ’07, D.Min.’10, retired in 2013 from his work as a Muslim Chaplain for the New York State Department of Correctional Services, and as spiritual leader of the Islamic Learning Center of Orange County in Newburgh, New York, relocating to North Carolina. He currently serves as President of the Hartford Seminary Alumni/ae Council, and is a Trustee of the Seminary.

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Raleigh, NC 27603

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Sarasota, FL 34235

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The Rev. Canon Richard Thomas Nolan, M.Div. ’63, spent his career in part-time parish ministry and full-time and part-time teaching at the secondary and college levels. He has been partnered with Robert Charles Pingpank since 1955, with whom he was married legally in Connecticut in 2009. Dr. Nolan was editor of The Diaconate Now in 1968, coauthor of Living Issues in Ethics” in 1982, and currently is editor of...
The Rev. Craig Nowak studied at Hartford Seminary in the Cooperative Master of Divinity program until 2009, and went on to graduate from Andover Newton Theological School in 2011. He was ordained in 2013, and currently serves as Minister at the Brookfield Unitarian Universalist Church in Brookfield, Massachusetts, as well as a Consulting Minister to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Storrs in Storrs, Connecticut.

Elizabeth Adams Noyes, M.A. ’41, was Director of Religious Education at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church in 1942-43, and then a teacher in the Pioneer Valley Council of Weekday Religious Education based in Northampton, Massachusetts, from 1943-46. She married William C. Noyes, Jr. in 1946, and from 1962-72 was Field Director for Girl Scouts of USA in eastern Connecticut, then Municipal Agent for the Elderly and Senior Program Coordinator for the Town of Sprague, Connecticut, until 1983. Since then Mrs. Noyes has been a Museum Educator and Historical Roleplayer at the Mystic Seaport Museum, and “trying to do some free-lance writing.”

Evan (Red) Odden, B.D. ’60

14340 Iroquois Avenue
Largo, FL 33774

The Rev. Dr. Jeanette Olmstead-Sawyer, D.Min. ’07, writes from Georgia, “It was due to the atmosphere at the Seminary that I learned so much concerning the many areas of increasing diversity found in our surroundings today. Without a doubt, it is becoming more of a necessity to seek peaceful methods, as we put aside war tools. As I continue efforts in my new community, a far distance from my native Connecticut, I request your prayers in the work that we are pursuing to bring peace to the hearts and souls of those that we are in contact with each day.”

418 King’s Crossing Court
Rockmart, GA 30153

The Rev. John W. Olson, B.D. ’61, was ordained by the United Church of Christ the year he graduated and served as pastor to numerous UCC churches in Connecticut until 2012: Second Congregational in Middle Haddam, Haddam Neck Congregational, Park Street UCC in Bridgeport, and UCC Bridgeport. He writes, “Thanks to God’s call and Hartford’s education, my life has been enriched beyond words. Aside from my marriage and family, the education received from HSF was the best experience of my life. The liberal approach of HSF opened my heart and mind to the requirement of understanding faith’s two inseparable dimensions: personal and public need for conversion and transformation toward justice.”

25 Cartright Street, 5H
Bridgeport, CT 06604

The Rev. Arthur Orth, M.Div. ’64, played doubles tennis in the National Senior Games in Cleveland in 2013. “Still play a lot of tennis and enjoy our great grandchildren and grandchildren. We just got a wonderful new pastor in our church here in Loveland. The church is back to growing again.”

6 Cottonwood Road
Port Washington, NY 11050

The Rev. Dr. Steven Peterson, D.Min ’98, served as Pastor at St. Mary’s Church in East Islip, New York, from 1990 to 2008, and currently is Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Port Washington, New York. He writes, “My time at Hartford was a great blessing. It was good to be able to study and reflect on ministry. Hartford was far enough away from my parish setting to give me a little space away that I deeply appreciated. I enjoyed its learning style—its opportunity to share wisdom with others who came from a variety of faith traditions. The Monday Prayer Service was always done very well.”

1164 Kayla Court
Loveland, CO 80537-4305

Mary Oliver, WLI ’98, currently works at Temple B’nai Israel in Willimantic, Connecticut.

58 North Brook Street
Hampton, CT 06247

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The Rev. Rose Amodeo Petronella, WLI ’01, writes that her friends in WLI “may remember that my final project involved a series of mandalas that I had begun to draw in 2001. I have continued to draw them for personal exploration, inspiration and prayer. They will be on exhibit at Mercy Center at Madison, Connecticut, from early
June to late August, 2014. In addition to drawing mandalas, I am a spiritual director in Middletown, and lead workshops in Drawing Mandalas as Prayer.

837 Long Hill Road, Apt. A
Middletown, CT 06457-5084

Craig Phillips, M.A. ’12, and his wife, Mahdiye, currently live in Arlington, Virginia. Craig is Senior Associate for Middle East and North Africa programs with Partners for Democratic Change (www.partnersglobal.org), a non-governmental organization that works through a global network to support local leaders and create partnerships that transform conflict, strengthen democratic institutions, and achieve sustainable development.
221 N. Piedmont Street, Apt. 3
Arlington, VA 22203

The Rev. Richard N. Pierce, M.A. ’67, was on the English faculty at Weaver High School in Hartford from 1965 to 1994, then taught part-time at the University of Hartford’s College of Arts and Sciences until 1996. He has remained active in local Baptist churches, historical society, and string ensemble. He is married with two children and three grandchildren. “I did not at first welcome the changes that came about, knowing that my beloved Case Memorial Library books were loaded into trailer trucks and moved south. However, I have since come to believe that HSF is doing work of great importance for the Church, is in fact leading the way in bringing about the dialogue that our time calls for.”
14 Julie Lane
Bloomfield, CT 06002

The Rev. Richard T. Purchase, M.Div. ’64, was Pastor of First Baptist Church in Lebanon, Connecticut; Associate General Secretary of the Connecticut Council of Churches; Director of the Division of Education for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches; Pastor of the American Baptist church in Enfield, Connecticut; Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania; and Pastor of Upper Merion Baptist Church, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He is the author of Let’s Go Outdoors with Children, (Westminster), Teaching About Religion in the Public Schools (National Conference of Christians and Jews), Celebrate: A Book for Camping Families (Pennsylvania Council of Churches), as well as articles and book reviews.
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Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Dr. Ann Rafferty, M.A. ’73, is no longer on the list of “lost alumni/ae.” She writes, “When HSF eliminated its academic program in favor of divinity degrees, I returned to Syracuse University, where I had done my baccalaureate, and completed my doctorate in religion. I went on to a 25-year career in nonprofit management. I was invited to join the graduate school faculty at New England College in New Hampshire in 2002, where I also served as director of distance learning. I retired in 2010, and am now enjoying living in New Hampshire.”
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New Hampshire, USA

814 Wagoner Road
Ealon, NC 27244

The Rev. Robert R. Rock, B.C. ’68, retired in 2006 from Trinity United Church of Christ in Manchester, Maryland, and continues to serve part-time as pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Reformed United Church of Christ in Frederick, Maryland. He writes, “Since graduation in 1968 I have served three churches in Massachusetts, served on Association and Conference committees, and Educational Consultant for the Conference for 4 years. I have been full time pastor of two churches in Maryland, Glade U.C.C. in Walkersville, and Trinity U.C.C. in Manchester. In between, I was supply pastor at St. Stephen’s U.C.C. in Cascade and supply preacher at Incarnation U.C.C. in Emmitsburg. Since retiring, I have taken up painting, working in pastels and watercolors. My wife, Sue, and I like to travel and have been to Europe several times. In the spring and summer we enjoy camping, usually in various state parks. We also travel to see our young grandchildren, one in Maine and the other in Florida; so we know the East Coast pretty well.”
9320 Rocky Ridge Road
Rocky Ridge, MD 21778

The Rev. Dr. John MacNaughton Rogers, B.D. ’62, served as a parish pastor at congregations in Connecticut, Washington, and Oregon for 20 years, and spent more than 20 years as a United Church of Christ Conference Executive in Michigan, Washington, Oregon and California. He also served overseas ministries in Japan, France, Germany, Austria and Indonesia, and traveled to more than 50 countries. Dr. Rogers was married to Barbara in 1958, has three sons and four grandchildren, and was awarded the Doctor of Divinity by Olivet College in Michigan in 1977. He writes, “My education at HTS provided basic foundation for what has been an exciting ministerial career.”
531 Harrison Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711

Jennifer Sanborn, M.A. ’12, is serving as part-time Pastor of Enfield Baptist Church, where she was called in December of 2012, and Interim Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at Mount Holyoke College. “My education at Hartford Seminary has been remarkably valuable in both contexts! I anticipate launching a life coaching business this coming fall, using appreciative inquiry as a resource for women (and a few good men) to create positive changes in their lives... Loving life with my husband, Matt Burch, and our children, Kyra (12) and Lucas (9),
129 Post Office Road
Enfield, CT 06082

The Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper, D.Min. ’00,
is the Senior Minister at Judson Memorial Church in New York City, served as Preacher-in-Residence at Stanford University, and recently led a clergy workshop on Sabbath at Hartford Seminary. Dr. Schaper says the D.Min. program was an “excellent experience for me, especially congregational studies.”

Grace House, 235 E. 18th Street
New York, NY 10003

When he retired in 1994 after 35 years as the Pastor at the First Congregational Church of Canton Center, Connecticut, the Rev. Dr. Evans F. Sealand, Jr., D.Min. ’81, was given the title of Minister Emeritus. He served as Archivist for the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ for 12 years, preached in nearly all Farmington Valley Association churches and a few in Litchfield County as a guest minister, was an interim UCC Pension Board Visitor for retired clergy, and participated in many Elderhostel programs and traveled extensively to foreign countries. The focus of his doctoral project was confirmation curriculum called “I Believe…”
100 Sarah Lane, Apt. 2G, Simsbury, CT 06070-1982

Rudolph K. Schnabel, ’61 was pastor of the Congregational UCC in Blaine, Washington, and a United Church of Christ missionary to India. He then received his M.S. from the University of Connecticut, taught Agricultural Economics at Iowa State University, was a Business Management and Community and Economic Development Specialist at the Cooperative Extension University of Arizona.
P.O. Box 17125
Munds Park, AZ 86017 (May 1—Oct 31)
13013 W. Redbird Road
Peoria, AZ 85383 (Nov 1—April 30)

The Rev. Barrie Shepherd, MA ’72, wanted “to respond briefly to the request for updated information if for no other reason than to let people know I’m still alive and even kicking. Mhairi and I moved from suburban Philadelphia to Scarborough, Maine in 2012, to Piper Shores, a retirement community overlooking the ocean, near to our summer home on Chebeague Island in Casco Bay, and to our fourth daughter who practices family medicine nearby. We had lived in Wallingford, PA since my retirement in 2000 from The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York where I had served as senior minister since 1992. Since the move I have kept up my occasional preaching, teaching and writing, I led my first webinar last January. The theme was Poetry and Preaching in the Lenten Season and it was sponsored by Presbyterian Outlook and Presbyterian Writers’ Guild. My last two books (numbers 14 and 15), Faces By the Wayside - Persons Who Encountered Jesus on the Road and Between Mirage and Miracle - Selected Poems for Seasons, Festivals and the Occasional Revelation were published in 2012 by Wipf and Stock and are available on Amazon. My poetry still appears in various publications including one in the 3/19 issue of Christian Century. I’m also having fun making music, playing euphonium in the Casco Bay Wind Symphony, an 80-strong local ensemble tackling fiendishly difficult music and giving regular concerts.
13 Piper Road, Apt. K325
Scarborough, ME 04074-7543

The Rev. Kevin Smail, BMCP ’86, served the First Congregational Church of South Egremont, Massachusetts, from 1998 to 2008, and has been Senior Pastor of the Yoked Parish of Becket, Massachusetts, since 2009. He is the Past Moderator of the Massachusetts Mountain Congregational Association from 2009 to 2013, the current Moderator of the Northeast Fellowship of Congregational Christian Churches, and has served on the Executive Board of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. He is also a member of the Federation of Fire Chaplains and is Fire Chaplain to the Harwinton Volunteer Fire Department in Harwinton, Connecticut.
19 Caitlin Road
Harwinton, CT 06791-1707

Geraldine Messina Smith (Jerry), M.A.’58, focused on Christian Education while at Hartford, and went on to serve as Director of Christian Education for eight years at churches in Watertown, New York, Youngstown, Ohio, and three churches in Brooklyn, New York. She then was an educational consultant to National Staff of the Presbyterian denomination; Chief Executive Officer of the YWCA in Berkeley, California; National Staff member of YWCA USA and Great Britain; consulted with World YWCA; Chief Executive Officer California Red Cross and British RC; earned her M.A. in clinical psychology and worked as a family therapist in California; lived in London 7 times while her husband was on sabbatical from Pacific School of Religion; wrote the memoir We Were Not Orphans, published in 2008; and is currently a volunteer with National Park Service at John Muir House in California.
8616 Don Carol Drive
El Cerrito, CA 94530

The Rev. Dr. Roger S. Smith, D.Min. ’85, writes, “I am now retired.”
60 Balsam Drive
Hallowell, ME 04347

The Rev. Robert C. Snyder, M. Div. ’63, spent more than 40 years as a local church pastor in Michigan, Ohio, and New York. Along the way he was Moderator of the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ, and spent many years on UCC judicatory boards and committees. He retired in October 2000.
312 West Collins Street
Midland, MI 48640-5729

The Rev. Dr. E. Bevan Stanley, D.Min. ’03, is currently Priest-in-Charge at St. Michael’s Parish in Litchfield, Connecticut, and does consulting in stewardship and congregational development. He writes that Hartford Seminary was “a great experience enriched by the diversity among my classmates. A chance to unite my experience in ministry with academic study. Hartford Seminary does all the things denomination-
The Rev. Dr. Michael B. Stevens, D.Min. ’80, served as Senior Minister for UCC congregations in Connecticut at South Glastonbury, Granby, and Bridgeport before relocating to Maine, where he served the Second Congregational Church UCC in Newcastle before retiring in 2003. In retirement has built Shaker-inspired furniture and cabinetry, been active in pulpit supply, involved in the Maine Conference of the UCC and at The Carpenter’s Boat Shop, as well as traveled extensively with his wife, Mary, and spent many happy times with children and grandchildren. Dr. Stevens described the Seminary’s D.Min. program as “a highly effective education because it always related to what I was doing in ministry.”

19 Cliff Road
New Harbor, ME 04554

Frances A. (Reed) Strobbe, M.A. ’58, served in the U.S. Army, and married Richard Strobbe, USAF, in 1959. Mrs. Strobbe spent four years in Germany, had three children, taught in Orlando High School in Florida, and in the German Department of the University of Massachusetts for three years. She retired from the United States Postal Service, and was widowed in 2008. She writes of her time on campus, “I met good lifelong friends. Coming from a very conservative and limited background, I had a much wider world opened to me by HSE.”

64 Johnson Street
Springfield, MA 01108

Winnifred Stanford, KSM ’62, spent 36 years at a school in the Philippines.
P.O. Box 824
Penney Farms, FL 32079

The Rev. Winthrop Stone, B.D. ’53, is living at Uplands Village in its assisted living facility. “My wife, Callie Shaver, died two years ago. My older daughter lives in Connecticut and my younger daughter in Washington State. I have one grandchild and two great grandchildren who live in Phoenix, AZ. I am very active in my church, singing in the choir, leading a study group and currently serving on our pastoral search committee. I’ve also been involved in peace and justice issues—such as demonstrations at Oak Ridge and School of the Americas, etc.”

P.O. Box 449
Pleasant Hill, TN 38578


7 Grand Circle Drive
Maryland Heights, MD 63043-5009

The Rev. Dr. Franklin Maner Tyson, D.Min. ’00, writes, “I am pastor/Director of Waterbury Baptist Ministries. Last year (2013) I did a half ironman triathlon and ran my first half marathon. Looking forward to completing another half ironman and running my first marathon this coming year (2014).”

57 Ray Street
Waterbury, CT 06708

Tom Verde, M.A. ’09, is a writer specializing in Islam, Middle Eastern history, interfaith relations and dialogue, early Christian history, and comparative religion. He has lived and traveled widely in the Middle East, North Africa, and Europe, and his work has appeared in the New York Times, the Boston Globe, Saudi Aramco World, Biblical Archeology, National Geographic Adventure, Travel & Leisure, and Wildlife Conservation, as well as on broadcast networks including NPR, Public Radio International and the BBC. He was on the faculty of King’s Academy in Jordan, where he taught Christian theology and Greek philosophy, and most recently worked with the British Council, the Social Science Research Council, and the Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University to develop a secondary school curriculum entitled “Our Shared Past in the Mediterranean.” In addition to writing, he currently serves as Director of Adult Christian Education at Calvary Episcopal Church.

109 Pequot Trail
Pawcatuck, CT 06379

After leaving Hartford, the Rev. Frank A. Vietze, B.D. ’61, went on to earn his Th.M. from Harvard Divinity School and have three children.

1161 English Ridge Drive NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

Following graduation, the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Vujs, D.Min. ’87, continued in parish ministry until retiring in 2004, and continues to supply in parishes of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

14 Hawley Street
Newington, CT 06111-2555

The Rev. Dr. Richard L. Waddell, Sr., M.Div. ’86, retired from the pastorate of the First Congregational Church UCC of Farmington, Maine, after 20 years of service. In 2008, he went on a pilgrimage on El Camino de Santiago across northern Spain, and between 2005 and 2012, went on multiple mission trips to Honduras for
Dr. Waddell is an Associate of the Iona Community in Scotland and a member of Brothers and Sisters of the Way. Since 2004, he has been hospice chaplain with Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, and has been married to Shirley for 47 years. Of his studies at Hartford Seminary he writes, “The courses were just what I needed at a very difficult time in my ministry. I would not have completed the D.Min. program had it not been for the invaluable support and gentle prodding of David Roozen. I am grateful to the Seminary for what it has contributed to my life and ministry.”

140 Eastmont Square
Farmington, ME 04938

P. Martha Wade Graham, G.S. ’10, is the Book Review Editor for Hartford Seminary’s own journal, The Muslim World. She also does extensive creative writing, including stories for children, and paints and draws.

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Southampton, CT 06489

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence Arnold Washburn, M.Div. ’59, B.D. ’80, retired in 1993 from Peacedale Congregational Church UCC in Rhode Island after 33 years, sailed around the Bahamas for two years with his wife, returned and took interim training, serving in that capacity at churches in Florida and Rhode Island. Since retiring to Florida, Dr. Washburn has traveled extensively: to Haiti, to help with a church project; to lead a Holy Land tour; and has rounded the Horn and been to Europe several times. He writes, “I am proud of my choice of Hartford Seminary as my place of development. Had choice of Yale or Hartford and chose HSF because of the ministers I knew from HSF because of the ministers I knew from...”

1533 Buoy Lane
Osprey, FL 34229-9101

After graduation, the Rev. Jean Wallace-

Fearon, B.D. ’60, received her Arizona teacher’s certification, taught special education and English as a Second Language. She was ordained to ministry in the United Church of Christ in 1962, and served churches in Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut and California. Hartford Seminary “opened a whole new world of ideas, faith and life.”

P.O. Box 1334
Ogunquit, ME 03907

The Rev. Charles West, B.D. ’53, spent eighteen years as Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, after which he was pastor at St. Peters United Church of Christ in Geneva, Iowa, and then Hope United Church of Christ in Hiawatha, Iowa, before retiring in 1992 in Bode, Iowa, near one of his daughters and grandchildren. In retirement the Rev. West served part-time interim positions at Emmetsburg, Newell and Fort Dodge UCC churches, and with his wife Mary Ellen maintained extensive flower and vegetable gardens. He also compiled a 500-page genealogical history of his family back to Sweden, England and Germany. “After numerous medical problems, including open-heart surgery, Mary Ellen died in September 2011. I am in good health for an 88-year-old.”

215 East McGregor Street, Apt. 5
Algona, IA 50511-2708

The Rev. Dr. Gregory J. Wismar, D.Min. ’90, completed 40 years of Lutheran parish ministry, chaired the national LC-MS Commission on Worship, continues as a supply pastor in retirement, and is currently a travel writer for a local paper, Heritage Villager of Southbury, Connecticut.

“A quarter of a century has passed since my years at Hartford Seminary began. I remember the dynamic nature of the D.Min. group and the helpfulness of the Library staff at the Seminary. Since my classmate Richard Kuehuer died a few years back, I have not had any linkage with Hartford Seminary people.”

979B Heritage Village
Southbury, CT 06488-5236


1522 Sherman Street SE, Apt. B
Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Elaine Wiatr, WLI ’10, retired from Manchester Community College on March 1, 2014. She has joined the Women’s Drumming Circle at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford. “In 2010 I spent one month in Palestine as a volunteer for the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical foundation, working primarily in their Bethlehem Office. In 2012 I went on a two-week trip to Palestine with American Jews for a Just Peace to learn additional information about the plight of the Palestinians and how to help them. I am happy to say that the BDS movement that was started in 2005 is starting to take root in many international communities.”

58 Briarwood Drive
Manchester, CT 06040

The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Williams, D.Min. ’09, has been a Protestant Chaplain for the Connecticut Department of Corrections since 2001 and the Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Hartford since 2003. Dr. Williams is one of 28 correctional chaplains certified by the American Correctional Chaplains Association in the United States, and he is also certified with the American Correctional Association as a Certified...
Correctional Supervisor. “I still teach a class, about 6 months long, on Spirituality and Addiction Recovery in the prison. I developed this class as my D.Min. project, and continue to update and expand it.” Dr. Williams is the grandfather of seven.
359 Old Post Road
Tolland, CT 06084

The Rev. David C. Williams, M.Div. ’64, was Pastor in Brimfield, Tewksbury and Lunenburg, Massachusetts, for eight years each; Interim Pastor in East Bridgewater, Williamstown, Lowell and Fitchburg, Massachusetts; Interim Conference Minister for Stewardship for the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC; part-time Stewardship Associate for the New Hampshire Conference of the UCC; and currently a Regional Representative for United Church Funds, and consulting on capital campaigns with his wife, Patricia. He writes, “Hartford Seminary set me up nicely for parish ministry (36 years) and Stewardship ministries (12 years) and still going strong.”
P.O. Box 6, 619 East Side Drive
Alton, NH 03809

Marjorie Williams, M.A. ’53, writes, “I came to Penney Retirement Community in Feb. 2010, after serving as a volunteer in New Mexico for 15 years as an advocate for Environmental Justice for the United Methodist Church. On leaving Hartford Seminary, I served in various local churches and one Annual Conference as a Director of Christian Education for over 26 years. I went back to Library School (University of Alabama) at age 50 and became a Librarian. I served as the Director of the Arab Public Library and the Marshall County Library system in Alabama for 12 years before retiring.”
P.O. Box 917
Penney Farms, FL 32079

Janice Wright, BMP ’96, works for The Nurse Network in Plantsville, Connecticut, and is a member of New Life Christian Fellowship in Ledyard, Connecticut, where she is an usher and teaches Sunday School.
P.O. Box 927
3 Spithead Road #2
Waterford, CT 06385

Lucy Humphrey Wong, M.A. ’60, provided this update on her life since leaving campus: “I actually finished my on campus studies in 1957, but did not get my degree until 1960, after taking a comprehensive exam. In May 1957 I married William Wong, who received his B.D. in 1958 and his Master of Religious Education in 1959. While Bill finished his studies, we lived on campus. In 1959 we moved to Westminster, Vermont, where Bill was minister of the Congregational Church. Our 2 sons were born there. In 1966 we moved to Pomfret, Connecticut, and Bill was minister of the Congregational/UC church there. In 1968 our daughter was born. We lived in Pomfret until 1981, when we moved to my present home in Woodstock Valley, Connecticut. Bill was minister of the Church of the Good Shepherd (UCC) from 1983 until 1994 in nearby West Woodstock. Bill died in May 2007 after 50 years of marriage. I worked as a social worker for the State of Connecticut from 1957-59. After that I was a stay at home mother for 15 years. I then worked as a Special Education teacher for the State of Connecticut for 20 years, having received my Masters in Special Education from the University of Connecticut. I have been retired since 1997, and have filled my time with visits with children and grandchildren, extended family, and friends. I am still a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and enjoy fellowship with the people there. During my years at Hartford Seminary (1955-1959), it was a fascinating mixture of people from many cultures, and from many parts of the world. Many marriages, including ours, began there. As someone who had grown up on a farm in (at the time) rural Canton, Connecticut, I found it an eye-opening, enriching experience!
41 Red Cedar Road
Woodstock, CT 06282

The Rev. Patricia Barney Yates, M.A. ’66, has been married to Cecil Yates for 40 years, and has one son, the Rev. Lee Yates. She served as Director of Religious Education at Hampton Park Christian Church in Toledo, Ohio, at Kings Chapel in Boston, and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ashland, Kentucky. Mrs. Yates also did social work in Boston and Ashland, and was ordained in 1995. She writes, “What I learned in the CE program has always kept me steps above what was happening in the field of church education through the years. I am excited that Hartford Seminary is leading the way in multi-faith education.”
1319 Pine Meadows Drive
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Anna Mary Yoder, M.A. ’63
3320 330th Street
Wellman, IA 52356

Of her current activities, the Rev. Dr. Terri L. Young, D.Min. ’95, writes, “Work work work…. Loved Hartford Seminary—recommend it often!
108 Rockland Avenue,
Manchester, NH 03102

The Rev. Andrew H. Zeman, D.Min. ’12, writes, “After thirty-five years in the ordained ministry, I found that my theological reflections were becoming dull. I enrolled in Hartford Seminar’s Doctor of Ministry program in the hope that it would sharpen my thinking. My hope became a reality.” Dr. Zeman is currently part-time Priest-in-Charge at St. George’s Episcopal Church in Middlebury, Connecticut
135 Ball Farm Road
Oakville, CT 06779
The Rev. Ezekiel Babagario, M.A. ’13, is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program of the University of Massachusetts’ Center for International Education in Amherst. Center for International Education UMass 285 Hills House South Amherst, MA 01003

The Rev. Dr. Robert L. Bradley, BMCP ’13, was born in Rensselaer, NY, is married to Phyllis Thomas Bradley of Birmingham, AL, and has three children, Robert, Tracey and Derrick. He received his education in the Public School System of New York State, and is a graduate of the College of St. Rose, Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Hartford Seminary, and Faith Evangelical Seminary, holding the B.A., M.A. in Theology, M.Div., and D.Min. degrees. He writes, “I am the Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church where I have served for the past 18 years, also, the Past Moderator, Pasto Congress of Christian Education of the Hudson River Frontier Missionary Baptist Association, Past General Recording Secretary of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, and currently serve as its Assistant Financial Secretary. I retired from a fortune 500 Company (Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.) as Corporate Human Resource Director. Past civic duties are: Vice Chair of the Albany Private Industry Council, Chair of Department of Labor Council of NYS, Director of O.J.T. Program, Job Coach Counselor Greater Albany Colonic Chamber of Commerce. Board of Directors Urban League of The Albany Area, and Albany Visiting Nurses Assoc. Career Development Counselor: Troy High, Albany High, Hudson Valley Community College, Schenectady Community College, North Carolina A&T, Tuskegee, Prairie View, Howard University, Southern University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Past Chair of Rev. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Scholarship Program Capital District Council of Churches of Albany, N.Y.”

16 Brook Street Rensselaer, NY 12144-4254

Dorothy Lovett Buckley, M.A. ’13, writes, “While I discern what God wants me to do, I have become a part of Immanuel Church’s first class in Called to Care led by Claire Bamberg. We have begun our caring ministry, I continue as co-chair of Immanuel’s Environmental Ministry Team and work with the CT Conference UCC Environmental Ministry Team. I continue as sector representative of the West End Civic Association which includes the Seminary campus. I am taking a computer course at Capital Community College, and if I stop procrastinating I will write a small grant for a women’s health collaborative circle that will be held in the neighborhood. I enjoy visits with the grandsons, especially reading and saying nightly prayers with the 3-year-old and enjoying the museums in the Boston area. I continue to have dinner dates with my husband and enjoy the Hartford Stage and Hartford Symphony with him. I recently took part again in the reading of Uncle Tom’s Cabin at the Stowe Center as I have for the past couple of years.

Since May 2013 I have been happier and healthier than I have ever been even though I am older than I have ever been. I have nearly recovered from the contusions received while skating at the XL Center. It is amazing how the body can heal through chiropractic care and food supplements. I have never appreciated my left hand as much as I did during the past month. Mindful of the wonderful things I have learned at Hartford Seminary, I look forward to the unfolding of the future with a sense of hope and joy and peace. Peace in my heart, in my home, on my street, in my neighborhood, in my city, in my state, in the world, in the cosmos. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.”

3 Fern Street Hartford, CT 06105-2222

Ali R. Candir, M.A. 13, is now enrolled in the Islamic Chaplaincy Program at Hartford Seminary “and am excited about it, trying to learn more. The institute in Houston I represent as Executive Director offers courses in collaboration with Hartford Seminary. Last year we had Dr. Lucinda Mosher here and she’ll be back in the fall with another course to promote interfaith understanding. We had a nice turnout last year and expect the same, if not better, for this year, too.”

423 Leisure Drive Stafford, TX 77477-5823

Hamed Fayazi, M.A. ’13, was admitted to the Ph.D. program in Islamic studies at Yale University, which he hopes to begin soon. In the meantime, he has held several teaching positions in Iran, primarily in the Department of Religions at the Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute in Qum. He is also the editor of two English language journals, “Spiritual Quest” and “Religious Inquiries.”

Qom, IRAN

Sally Greco, M.A. 13, is “part of a two-person worship team at the Falls Village Congregational Church. After examining what would work financially for them, the church put into place two part-time pastors; one who is ordained and male, and myself, an M.A. graduate in Spirituality. We share all the responsibilities and alternate from week to week at the pulpit. And I reap the benefits of being mentored. I never dreamed I would have said ‘yes’ to taking this position but Hartford Seminary helped me to find my voice.”

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Asma Hanif, GCIMCL ’13, is an advanced practice nurse who has devoted her life to operating Nissa Holistic Health Center, a free clinic for women who are homeless, uninsured, or victims of domestic abuse, and Muslmat Al-Nisa, a shelter for homeless women. She recently spoke at the invitation of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia on the topic of criminal justice issues, including hate crimes that affect the diverse communities and affinity groups in that city.
Morteza Rezazadeh, G.C. ’13, came to Hartford Seminary for a year of study in the International Peacemaking Program. He reports, “After I returned to Iran, I resumed my work in IIS [International Institute for Islamic Studies] as deputy of cultural and international affairs. In this position, I tried to benefit from my experiences in Hartford Seminary to enhance my career in international activities. I have also had trips to Greece and Italy for some inter and intra-religious activities and meeting some communities for future cooperation. In Greece, we started our plans for having interfaith dialogues between Shi’ite Muslim Scholars and Orthodox Christian representatives. Recently we hosted a group of Mennonite Christians from the U.S. and Canada for a week of interfaith dialogue in IIS. I have also been a lecturer for the students of Islamic Studies in the last two semesters in Al-Mustafa University. I have been teaching mystical schools so I have been studying and researching a lot about mysticism and spirituality in different faiths. I am also pursuing my own studies in the field of Islamic Jurisprudence at the Islamic Seminary of Qom. In addition to these, I have some regular programs on TV and radio on different religious topics.”

Asma Hanif

Since returning home to Indonesia following graduation, Hans Harmakaputra, M.A. ’13, has taught a course on Islam at Jakarta Theological Seminary, arranged public lectures on campus featuring Muslim-Christian scholars (including Mahmoud Ayoub and Heidi Hadsell), traveled to South Korea as a representative of Hartford Seminary to the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute, and has worked as Project Director of Christian Studies for Muslim Scholars, a program in which ten Muslim students from Islamic State University lived and learned about Christianity for a week at Jakarta Theological Seminary. Hans was accepted into the Ph.D. program in Comparative Theology at Boston College and will begin his studies at the beginning of the fall semester. He will be participating in the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute’s annual Sacred Path of Love Retreat. On December 22, 2013, she held a workshop entitled, “21st Century Challenges to Maintaining the Ties of Kinship” at the Madrasah Aljunied. In addition to participating in the Sacred Path of Love Retreat as a speaker and workshop leader, she was also a spiritual teacher in the Tariqa Tijaniyya Sufi order by the growing community of Tijanis in Singapore, where the presence of the Tariqa Tijaniyya in Asia is an historic first. She reports: “During my stay in Singapore I had the pleasure of meeting with the Assistant Mufti of Singapore (the invitation was issued by the Mufti, but he had to travel) at the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura) who expressed interest in sending students to the Hartford Seminary. He was quite familiar with Hartsem and enthusiastic about Singaporean Muslims studying there.”

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In Memoriam

Ambellur N. D. Frederick, who studied in the School of Religious Education, in the class of 1955, died September 9, 1994, in Massachusetts. He was born on June 24, 1932, in Kerala, India.

The Rev. Edward M. Blumenfeld, B.D., ’55 died on December 9, 2013, in Pleasant Hill, Tennessee. A memorial service was held on March 22, 2014, and his ashes were interred in Cynthiana, Kentucky. Just prior to relocating to Tennessee in 2010, Edward wrote to the Seminary, describing his recent years. “After serving congregations primarily in Wisconsin and Illinois, my second wife and I moved to Arizona for a final shot at preaching, growing oranges, and watching Cubs’ preseason games in 1985. Before turning off the little gray cells, I volunteered at our Native People’s Leadership School for two years until the heat became a bit too much so we came up higher to the foothills of the Rockies in New Mexico in 1992.”

Miss Helen Kilquist, M.A. ’56 died on February 18, 2014, in Hartford, where she had resided for 59 years. She was 101 years old. In addition to Hartford Seminary, Helen was a graduate of Cornell University and received her Masters of Science from the University of Hartford in 1980. A member of Christ Church Cathedral, the American Association of University Women, and the Hartford Hospital Auxiliary, Helen also enjoyed ballroom dancing lessons and competitions. In 1999 she said, “My seminary years were among the happiest of my life - the faculty and my fellow students were very congenial and I appreciated an organized study of religion. My life since then has been strengthened: I have clearer insights, deeper appreciations, more compassion.” Miss Kilquist is survived by her sister-in-law, three nieces, and several great-nieces and nephews.

The Rev. James W. Pollock, M.A. ’61 died on April 14, 2013, at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington, Iowa. He was survived by his wife, Rachel, four children, and their families. In the year before his death at age 91, James wrote of his time on campus, “I remember these years as the most stimulating and rewarding period in academic friendships and study opportunities. Hartford offered these abundantly and graciously.”

The Right Rev. Dr. John H. Smith, D.Min. ’80, died on June 2, 2012, in Brunswick, Maine. Born and raised in the Panama Canal Zone, John graduated from Balboa High School, Cornell University and the General Theological Seminary in New York. Ordained in 1964, he served Episcopal churches in Falmouth, Skowhegan and Palmyra, Maine, before becoming Chaplain and Head of Sacred Studies at the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C. He then served Episcopal churches in Middlebury and Rutland, Vermont, before being consecrated the Sixth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. Following retirement, Bishop Smith served for five years as the Rector of St. Peter’s Church, Bridgton, Maine, retiring in the fall of 2010. He is survived by his wife, Victoria Dawley Smith, to whom he was married in 1964, three children and four grandchildren.
Dr. Willem A. Bijlefeld, 88, who retired from Hartford Seminary in 1990 after 25 years as a Professor of Islamic Studies, Academic Dean, Editor of The Muslim World, and founder and director of the Macdonald Center, passed away on Sunday, December 15, 2013, after a long illness.

“Wim loved Hartford Seminary, and he was a highly valued and much appreciated presence at the seminary for the decades he taught here,” President Heidi Hadsell said. “He spent most of his working life here at Hartsem, providing leadership in the study of Islam and Christian Muslim relations, and he kept up with the comings and goings and work of the Macdonald Center since he retired perhaps 20 years ago. I continue to meet many people here and around the world who remember Wim and ask about him, always remarking on his scholarship and on his capacity for human compassion and warmth. Getting to know Wim and [his wife] Ineke has been a constant source of joy for me ever since I came to Hartsem.”

Born in Indonesia, Prof. Bijlefeld made important contributions to the field of Christian-Muslim relations, starting in 1959 with the publication of his doctoral dissertation, «Islam as a Post-Christian Religion: An Inquiry into the Theological Evaluation of Islam, Mainly in the 20th Century.»

He taught all over the world, including at the University of Leiden, Netherlands; at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; and at Hartford Seminary, starting in 1966. He also established the Islamic Studies program at McGill University in Montreal in 1975.

“In each of these places, as in many other parts of the world which he visited, Prof. Bijlefeld not only inspired students, but assisted churches to adopt many of his interfaith insights into their own ministries,” according to a tribute to him in The Muslim World on the occasion of his retirement.

As Academic Dean, Prof. Bijlefeld oversaw significant changes at Hartford Seminary as the academic study of Islam became an emphasis. In 1974, Prof. Bijlefeld founded the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations. In 1977, the Macdonald Center formed a partnership with the Task Force on Christian-Muslim Relations with the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States.

“Much of Prof. Bijlefeld’s energy in these years was given to travel as he extended the resources of the Macdonald Center to meet the growing interest of Christians and Muslims in dialogue. As a lecturer or consultant, he was in touch with 30 institutions in 14 countries, several of them on a regular basis,” according to the Muslim World.

Prof. Bijlefeld was the editor of The Muslim World for 24 years. He nurtured it into a leading scholarly publication for Islamic studies and the study of Christian-Muslim relationships, past and present.

In 1990, Prof. Bijlefeld was honored at an international conference held at Hartford Seminary on the theme of «Christian-Muslim Encounter.» At that time, the Prof. Bijlefeld International Visiting Fellowship was established to invite biennially a Muslim or Christian scholar from Africa or Asia to address the seminary community on intellectual concerns identified by Prof. Bijlefeld.

In retirement, Prof. Bijlefeld moved to Vermont with his wife Ineke and lived in a house redesigned by his architect brother, Jan, hosting hundreds of visitors – friends, family and former students and colleagues – from around the world. According to his obituary, his interest in Christian-Muslim relations grew from his early childhood in Indonesia where his parents were mission workers.
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